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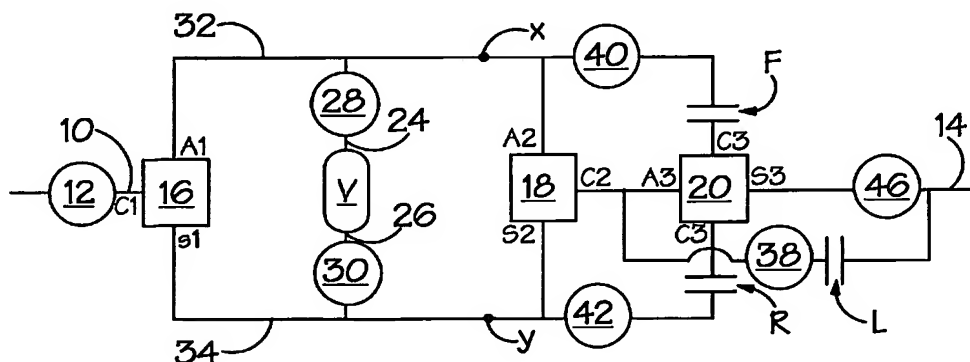
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(57) Abstract: A continuously variable ratio transmission (CVT) comprises a ratio varying unit ("variator"), a first epicyclic (18) having two inputs (A2, S2) connected to opposite sides of the variator (V), a second epicyclic (16) having an input (C1) driven by a prime mover (12) and components (A1, S1) connected to opposite sides of the variator, a final drive shaft (14), a low regime clutch (L) for selectively connecting the output of the first epicyclic to the final drive shaft in low regime and a third, mixing epicyclic (20) connected to the output (C2) of the first epicyclic (18) and connected or connectable (F, R) to the variator and being connectable with the final drive shaft in high regime by way of a high regime clutch (F). The high and low regimes are coincident at at least one variator ratio (or, more preferably, the operation ranges overlap) and the variator operates in opposite directions in the low and high regimes.

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